[*English*]

Implementation of Land Reform Laws

*7. SHRI BHUBANESHWAR PRASAD MEHTA:
SHRI TEJ NARAYAN SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government consider the implementation of land reform laws as an important step in checking atrocities on Scheduled Castes in the country; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to complete the identification, procurement and distribution of surplus land to the landless poor within a fixed period of time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT(SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) government of India has laid down policy guidelines and are monitoring the progress of land reforms measures in the States. The subject has also been brought up in the Conferences of the Revenue Ministers and Chief Ministers from time to time. In the last Chief Ministers' Conference held on 4-5th October,1991 on the issue of atrocities against the SCs/STs it was decided that ceiling surplus land which have been taken possession of by the State Government should be distributed amongst the eligible rural poor by 31st march, 1992. Prime Minister has also addressed the concerned Chief Minister and Governors.

Review of Appointments made in Central Public Sector Undertakings.

*8. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have since completed the review of all the appointments made to the posts of Chiefs of the Central Public Sector Undertakings from April to June, 1991 in violation of the guidelines of the Election Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS(SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (c). The Ministries were requested to review all selections/ appointments made during the Election period and resubmit proposal to ACC if considered necessary. All Ministries have not completed the review.

[*Translation*]

Water Supply Schemes in Bihar with World Bank Assistance.

*10. SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any water supply projects or schemes are being undertaken with the assistance of the World Bank or any other international organisation in Patna, Rohtas and Bhojpur districts of Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the expenditure involved and the year by which these schemes are likely to be completed;

(d) whether the work on these projects is going on as per schedule; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) No, Sir,

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Quality of foodgrains supplied under Public Distribution System

*11. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn towards the sub-standard foodgrains being supplied under the Public Distribution System; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b). Food Corporation of India issues rice and wheat of Fair Average Quality (FAQ) within the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act standards to state Governments and UT Administrations. Procurement of rice and wheat is made at various producing areas in the country. Thus, slight variation within the specified standards in the quality of the foodgrains released simultaneously from different godowns could not be altogether ruled out.

The distribution of rice and wheat to the consumers through the Fair Price shops (FPS) is administered by the State Governments and UT Administrations. The Central Government has requested, from time to time, the State Governments/UT Administrations to tighten supervision and inspection arrangements to ensure that proper quality of wheat and rice reaches the consumers.

[*English*]

Use of Combined Brand Name

*12. SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of Indian manufacturers, who are having foreign collaborations, are using the combined brand names/ hybrid names like Hero-Honda, Maruti-Suzuki, DCM-Toyota, Swaraj Mazda, Allwyn Nissan/Mahindra Nissan etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the use of such combined brand names is affecting the sales of indigenous manufacturers including the Public Sector Units; and

(d) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Union Government to ban the use of such combined brand names?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir,

(c) There is no evidence to this effect.

(d) No, Sir.

Protection for BIDI Workers

*13. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to make a special law for the protection of labour involved in Bidi industry in the country;

(b) whether the Government propose to include the bidi workers under the contract labour system;

(c) whether the Government also pro-